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The SPECTATOR.

——Nimium ne crede colori. Virg.

Saturday, June 9. 1711.

IT has been the Purpoſe of ſeveral of my Speculations to bring People to an unconcerned Behaviour, with relation to their Perſons, whether Beautiful or Defective. As the Secrets of the Ugly Club were expoſed to the Publick, that Men might ſee there were ſome Noble Spirits in the Age who were not at all diſpleaſed with themſelves upon Conſiderations which they had no Choice in: So the Diſcourſe concerning *Idols* tended to leſſen the Value People put upon themſelves from perſonal Advantages, and Gifts of Nature. As to the latter Species of Mankind, the Beauties, whether Male or Female, they are generally the moſt inſufferable People of all others. You are ſo exceſſively perplexed with the Particularities in their Behaviour, that, to be at eaſe, one would be apt to wiſh there were no ſuch Creatures. They expect ſo great Allowances, and give ſo little to others, that they who have to do with them find in the main, a Man with a better Perſon than ordinary, and a Beautiful Woman, might be very happily changed for ſuch to whom Nature has been leſs Liberal. The Handſome Fellow is uſually ſo much a Gentleman, and the Fine Woman has ſomething ſo becoming, that there is no enduring either of them. It has therefore been generally my Choice to mix with chearful Ugly Creatures, rather than Gentlemen who are Graceful enough to omit or do what they pleaſe; or Beauties who have Charms enough to do and ſay what would be diſobliging in any but themſelves.

Diffidence and Preſumption, upon account of Our Perſons, are equally Faults; and both ariſe from the want of knowing, or rather endeavouring to know, our ſelves, and for what we ought to be valued or neglected. But indeed, I did not imagine theſe little Conſiderations and Coquettries could have the ill Conſequence as I find they have by the following Letters of my Correſpondents, where it ſeems Beauty is thrown into the Account, in Matters of Sale, to thoſe who receive no Favour from the Charmers.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *June* 4.

'AFter I have aſſured you I am in every reſpect one of the Handſomeſt young Girls about 'Town—I need be particular in nothing but the 'Make of my Face, which has the Misfortune to 'be exactly Oval. This I take to proceed from a 'Temper that naturally inclines me both to ſpeak 'and to hear.

'With this Account you may wonder how I can 'have the Vanity to offer my ſelf as a Candidate, 'which I now do, to a Society, where the *Spectator* 'and *Hecatiſſa* have been admitted with ſo much 'Applauſe. I don't want to be put in mind how 'very Defective I am in every thing that is Ugly; 'I am too ſenſible of my own Unworthineſs in 'this Particular, and therefore I only propoſe my 'ſelf as a Foil to the Club.

'You ſee how honeſt I have been to confeſs all my 'Imperfections, which is a great deal to come from 'a Woman, and what, I hope, you will encourage 'with the Favour of your Intereſt.

'There can be no Objection made on the ſide of 'the Matchleſs *Hecatiſſa*, ſince it is certain I ſhall 'be in no danger of giving her the leaſt occaſion of 'Jealouſie: And then, a Joint-Stool in the very low-'eſt Place at the Table is all the Honour that is 'coveted by

Your moſt Humble

and Obedient Servant,

ROSALINDA.

'I have ſacrificed my Necklace to put into the 'Publick Lottery againſt the Common Enemy. 'And laſt *Saturday*, about Three a Clock in the 'Afternoon, I began to Patch indifferently on both 'ſides of my Face.

Mr.

'UPON reading your late Diſſertation con-
'cerning *Idols*, I cannot but complain to
'you that there are, in ſix or ſeven Places of this
'City, Coffee-houſes kept by Perſons of that Siſter-
'hood. Theſe *Idols* ſit and receive all day long
'the Adoration of the Youth within ſuch and ſuch
'Diſtricts; I know, in particular, Goods are not
'entered as they ought to be at the Cuſtom houſe,
'nor Law-reports peruſed at the Temple, by reaſon
'of one Beauty who detains the young Merchants
'too long near Change, and another Fair one, who
'keeps the Students at her Houſe when they ſhould
'be at Study. It would be worth your while to ſee
'how the Idolaters alternately offer Incenſe to their
'*Idols*, and what Heartburnings ariſe in thoſe who
'wait for their Turn to receive kind Aſpects from
'thoſe little Thrones, which all the Company,
'but theſe Lovers, call the Bars. I ſaw a Gentle-
'man turn as pale as Aſhes, becauſe an *Idol* turn-
'ed the Sugar in a Tea Diſh for his Rival, and
'careleſsly called the Boy to ſerve him, with a
'*Sirrah! Why don't you give the Gentleman the Box
'to pleaſe himſelf?* Certain it is, that a very hope-
'ful young Man was taken with Leads in his Pock-
'ets below Bridge, where he intended to drown
'himſelf becauſe his *Idol* would waſh the Diſh in
'which ſhe had juſt before drank Tea, before ſhe
'would let him uſe it.

'I am, Sir, a Perſon paſt being Amorous, and do
'not give this Information out of Envy or Jealou-
'ſy, but I am a real Sufferer by it. Theſe Lovers
'take any thing for Tea and Coffee; I ſaw one
'Yeſterday ſurfeit to make his Court, and all his
'Rivals; at the ſame time, loud in the Commenda-
'tion of Liquors that went againſt every body in
'the Room that was not in love. While theſe
'young Fellows reſign their Stomachs with their
'Hearts, and drink at the *Idol* in this manner, we
'who come to do Buſineſs, or talk Politicks, are
'utterly Poiſoned: They have alſo Drams for thoſe
'who are more enamoured than ordinary; and it is
'very common for ſuch as are too low in Conſti-
'tution to Ogle the *Idol*, upon the ſtrength of Tea,
'to fluſter themſelves with warmer Liquors: Thus
'all Pretenders advance, as faſt as they can, to a
'Feaver or a Diabetes. I muſt repeat to you, that
'I do not look with an Evil Eye upon the Profit
'of the *Idols*, or the Diverſions of the Lovers;
'what I hope from this Remonſtrance, is only that
'we plain People may not be ſerved as if we were
'Idolaters, but that from the time of Publiſhing
'this in your Paper the *Idols* would mix Ratsbane
'only for their Admirers, and take more care of
'us who don't Love them.

I am,

SIR,

Yours,

T. T.

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☞ *This is to give Notice, That the three Critics who laſt* Sunday *ſettled the Characters of my Lord* Rocheſter *and* Boileau, *in the Yard of a Coffee-houſe in* Fuller's Rents, *will meet this next* Sunday *at the ſame Time and Place, to finiſh the Merits of ſeveral Dramatick Writers: And will alſo make an End of the* Nature of True Sublime.

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